(c) whether Government propose to an AIR station at Phulbani in Orissa also; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Five All India Radio Stations for Bhawanipatna, Bolangir, Baripada, Rourkela and Berhampur were sanctioned for the State of Orissa in the 7th Plan.

(b) The radio stations at Bhavanipatna and Bolangir are envisaged to be technically ready in 1992.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Decline in Foreign Tourist Traffic

5310. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware about the decline of foreign tourists visiting India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have identified the reasons for which the country suffered a set back regarding visit of tourists; and

(d) the steps proposed to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Through there has been a decline of about 11.7% in tourist arrivals during first half of 1991, the trend has since been reversed and the arrivals recorded a positive growth of 7.5% during the second half of 1991 and 33.2% during first two months of 1992.

(c) The decline in the tourist arrivals during first half of 1991 was primarily due to Gulf War and its aftermath.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of Food Engineering Centre

5312. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Food Engineering Centre during the Eighth Plan period to develop new food products, processes and machinery in the count;

(b) whether the proposed centres are likely to be set up in those States where sufficient potential of food items exists; and

(c) if so, the location where the proposed food engineering centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. One Food Engineering Centre is proposed to be set up at Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore using existing infrastructure and expertise, during the 8th Plan to cater to the needs of Food Processing Industries for development of the Food Processing machinery and allied Research and Development activities.